State subject. However, post of pharmacists in Central Government Hospitals is a Group 'C' Non-Gazatted post.

(b) to (d) As far CGHS is concerned promotional avenues for pharmacists (where the ratio of pharmacists and Senior Pharmacists are 75:25) are available and financial upgradation to eligible pharmacists are also granted under Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme (MACPS).

Recognition of electro homoeopathy

†1598. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court had decreed to make a law for giving recognition to Electro Homoeopathy;

(b) if so, the reasons for not giving it recognition so far, and the time by when recognition thereto will be given by Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this form of treatment has got recognition in other countries of the world like Italy and treatment is carried out there; and

(d) if so, the reasons for recognizing Homoeopathy that originated in Germany and not recognising the scientific Electro Homoeopathy originated in Italy?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The matter for grant of recognition to the various streams of alternative medicines was considered by a Committee of Experts under the Chairmanship of Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research and the Committee did not recommend recognition of Electro-Homoeopathy.

Review of National Population Policy-2002

1599. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the population problem is enormously neglected;

(b) whether Government feels it necessary to have a second look at the National Population Policy-2002 with intention to make it a national campaign; and

(c) if so, what steps would be immediately taken to ensure that the population is brought under control?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.